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| 16 | NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA | | | | |
| 17 18 | OAKLAND | DIVISION | | | |
| 19 | MAUDER and ALICE CHAO;) DEOGENESO and GLORINA PALUGOD;) | CONSOLIDATED CASE NO. CV-10-3118-SBA | | | |
| 20 | AND) | JOINT STIPULATION AND REQUEST | | | |
| 21 |) MARITZA PINEL) | FOR A STAY PENDING CLASS CERTIFICATION RULING | | | |
| 22 | on behalf of themselves and all others similarly) | CERTIFICATION RULING | | | |
| 23 | situated, | Hon. Saundra B. Armstrong Hon. Laurel Beeler | | | |
| 24 | Plaintiff(s), | | | | |
| 25 | v.) | | | | |
| 26 | AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, | | | | |
| 27 | Defendant(s). | | | | |
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Plaintiffs Mauder and Alice Chao, Deogeneso and Glorina Palugod, and Maritza Pinel (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and defendant Aurora Loan Services, LLC ("Aurora") (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree, and request the Court to Order, as follows.

I. BACKGROUND

This putative class action concerns Aurora's mortgage loan "workout agreements," also known as "special forbearance agreements." The Parties incorporate by reference their respective factual statements of the case from the Parties' prior Consolidated Joint Case Management Statement (Doc. # 59), and Joint Stipulation to Modify the Pre-Trial Schedule. Doc. #186.

Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion for Class Certification (Doc. # 149) is fully briefed and remains pending. The hearing on the Motion, originally scheduled for February 12, 2013, was taken off calendar by the Court.

A mandatory settlement conference is scheduled to take place on May 21, 2013 before Magistrate Judge Nathanael Cousins, and the parties must file settlement statements by May 14, 2013. Doc. # 195.

Under the current pre-trial schedule, fact discovery is scheduled to close on July 26, 2013. Doc. # 193. Approximately ninety (90) days remain in the fact discovery period as of the filing of this stipulation.

The Parties agree that the forthcoming ruling on the Renewed Motion for Class Certification will have significant implications on (a) any settlement conference or mediation, and (b) the remaining fact and expert discovery to be taken in the case, in particular deposition discovery. The Parties are thus in agreement that postponing the settlement conference and staying deposition discovery until after the Court issues its ruling on class certification is both cost-effective and in the interests of judicial efficiency.

For clarity, the Parties do not seek to stay their ongoing written discovery and do not seek to stay their ability to advance ongoing discovery disputes before Judge Beeler (which particularly includes the Court's ability to order a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition). The Parties specifically envision that the ninety (90) days currently remaining in the fact discovery period will be preserved and

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| 1 | maintained such that the fact discovery cut-off shall be set for at least ninety (90) days from the date | | | |
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| 2 | that any such stay is lifted. | | | |
| 3 | Accordingly, the Parties request the Court to Order as follows: | | | |
| 4 | 1. | 1. The current pre-trial schedule (Doc. # 193) is vacated; | | |
| 5 | 2. | The settlement conference | e scheduled for May 21, 2013 (Doc. #195) is taken off | |
| 6 | | calendar; | | |
| 7 | 3. | The parties will engage in | a settlement conference or private mediation within thirty | |
| 8 | | (30) days after the Court i | ssues a ruling on the Renewed Motion for Class | |
| 9 | | Certification; | | |
| 10 | 4. | The parties must file a join | nt status report and/or proposed revised pretrial schedule 45 | |
| 11 | days after the Court issues a ruling on the Renewed Motion for Class Certification; | | | |
| 12 | 5. | 5. The case, including all discovery except as provided below, is stayed until and | | |
| 13 | through 45 days after the Court issues a ruling on the Renewed Motion for Class | | | |
| 14 | Certification; and | | | |
| 15 | 6. | Discovery that has already | y been served will not be stayed, including discovery | |
| 16 | | pursuant to Judge Beeler's | s discovery Orders in this case. The Parties will not serve | |
| 17 | new sets of discovery requests or note percipient witness depositions during the | | | |
| 18 | | pendency of the requested | l stay. | |
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| 20 | IT IS I | HEREBY STIPULATED A | AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned counsel | |
| 21 | for Plaintiffs and Aurora, upon consent of the Court, that: | | | |
| 22 | The case is PARTIALLY STAYED as set forth above and the pretrial schedule MODIFIED | | | |
| 23 | as set forth herein. | | | |
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| 25 | Date: Apr | ril 26, 2013 A | ARNOLD & PORTER LLP | |
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| 7 | IT IS SO ORDERED. | | |
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| 9 | Dated <u>5/29</u> , 2 | The Honora | ble Saundra B. Armstrong States District Judge |
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GENERAL ORDER 45 ATTESTATION In accordance with General Order 45, concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from each of the signatories and I shall maintain records to support this concurrence for subsequent production for the court if so ordered or for inspection upon request by a party. Dated: April 26, 2013 ARNOLD & PORTER LLP By: /s/ John R. Danos John R. Danos Attorneys for Defendant AUROŘA LOAN SERVICES LLC